Statement

Sl.No.	Name of Product	Pack size	Price fixed under DPCO, 1979 in 1981 (Rs.)	Price fixed under DPCO, 1987 (Rs.)
	Bulk Drugs			
1.	Betamethasone Alcohol		113.34 per gm.	144.19 per gm.
2.	Betamethasone Valerate		105.85 per gm.	136.58 per gm.
3.	Betamethasone Di-sodium Phosphate		126.23 per gm.	144.58 per gm.
	Formulations			
1.	Otina Drops	3 ml vial		4.29
2.	Betnesol Eye/Ear Drops	3ml vial		4.14
3.	Betnesol-N Eye/Ear Drops	3 ml vial		4.35
4.	Betnesol-N Nasal Drops	10 ml vial		5.10
5.	Betnesol Eye Ointment	3g. Tube		2.79
6.	Betnesol-N Ointment	3g. Tube		3.02
7.	Betnovate Ointment	15g. Tube		9.22
8.	Betnovate-N Ointment	15g. Tube		9.75
9.	Betnovate-C Ointment	15g. Tube		9.80
10.	Annovate Ointment	15g. Tube		6.40
11.	Beta Derobin Ointment	15g. Tube		9.93
12.	Betnovate Scalp Appln.	20ml Bottle		11.55
13.	Betnesol Oral Drops	10ml Bottle		4.99
14.	Betnesol Injection	3×1ml amp.		9.85
15	Betnelan Tablets	Strip of 10 Tabs.		2.16
16.	Betnesol Tablets	Strip of 10 Tabs.		2.72

Delay in recovery from Drug Companies

3008. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2844 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons, that his Ministry has taken about two years even after the Supreme Court judgement to arrive at some decisions in the case of recovery from drug companies;

(b) what decisions have been arrived at now and when they were communicated to the companies;

(c) whether the companies would pay interest on the amount due after 9th June, 1988;

(d) if so, on what rate and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that delay means loss to exchequer, if so, what action has been taken to fix responsibility in this regard;

(f) whether his Ministry has estimated the loss; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Special Team constituted to assess the amounts recoverable for the period upto 31-12-83 has already completed its assessment in respect of 7 Companies and is likely to complete the assessment of the remaining three companies shortly. For the period after 31-12-83 and upto 31-3-87, another Committee called price Review Committee, has since completed its recommendations in respect of 3 companies. Similar review in respect of the remaining companies is on hand and is expected to be completed shortly. Some delay in this regard had occurred because of non-availability of requisite detailed date from the companies concerned.

(c) to (g) The question of charging interest on the recoverable amount does not arise under the provisions of DPCO, 1979.

Exclusion of Drugs from Price Control

3009. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has excluded drugs which neither fulfil criteria laid down by the committee nor are in accordance with the drug policy which was approved by the Cabinet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all these recommendations were accepted by the department without any reference to any Inter-Ministerial Committee; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As already stated in the reply referred to in the question, exclusion of concerned drugs from price control has been made on the basis of recommendations contained in the Supplementary Report submitted by the Kelkar Committee.

(b) and (c) It was not considered necessary to refer the matter to any other Committee.

Profitability of M/s. Infar

3010. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2067 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the profitability to M/s. Infar has been studied; and

(b) what are the monopolised products of this company and what are their sales during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No study of profitability of any drug company under DPCO, 1987 has been made.

(b) M/s. Infar are marketing several harmone based formulations. However, products like Deca Durabolin and Durabolin of M/s. Infar have monopolistic nature and similar fromulations are also marketed by many other companies like M/s. Biochem, M/s. Concept, M/s. Khandelwal, M/s. PCI and M/s. Unichem etc. Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored.

Prices of Iron Calcium and Harmone Preparations.

3011. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2043 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the nature and scope of watch and intervention being kept by his Miinstry on the prices of Iron preparations, Calcium preparations *Vaccines, Mental Health Medicines* and Harmone preparations;